



STATE OF ARKANSAS
**Department of Finance
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DRIVER SERVICES

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Commercial Driver's License

Dear Commercial Drivers,

Beginning May 18, 2015 all commercial driver's license (CDL) holders will be asked for proof they are a U.S. Citizen or a Permanent Resident at every renewal of their CDL or application for endorsements. The only acceptable documents will be one of the following: U.S. Birth Certificate that bears an official seal and was issued by a state, county, municipal authority or outlying possession of the United States; U.S. Passport; Certificate of Naturalization ((Form N-570 or N-550); Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (Form N-560 or N-561), Certificate of Birth Abroad issued by the U.S. Department of State (Form FS-545 or DS 1350); or Permanent Resident Card. Failure to provide this document will result in a downgrade and renewal to a Class D license. You will not be permitted to renew the CDL.

Act 758 of 2013 adopted the federal law at 49 CFR 383.71 which states CDL holders must be either a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident. This requirement is located in Arkansas law at section 27-23-110 (a) (1) (G) for the issuance of the CDL and in section 27-23-111(g) for the renewal of the CDL.

If you are a CDL holder who is required to have a medical certificate the medical certificate must be completed by your doctor on the new Form MCSA-5876 after June 22, 2015. The Revenue Offices will not accept any medical certificate on the old form that is dated after June 22, 2015. This new requirement is published in the Federal Register Volume 80, Number 78 Medical Examiner's Certification Integration; Final Rule dated April 23, 2015.

If you need additional information, please call the CDL Help Desk at (501) 682-1400 or the Issuance Help Desk at (501) 682-7934.

Sincerely,

Tonie Shields, Administrator
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